



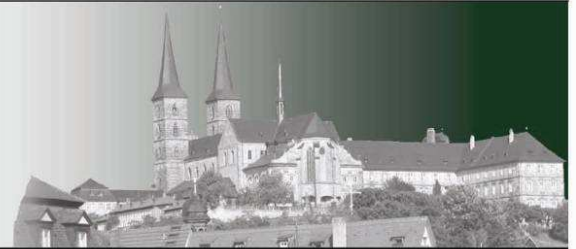
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Bamberg Family member wins Rising Star competition

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FMWRC Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – Local Army Family member and veteran Joyce Dodson won the 2008 Operation Rising Star military singing contest here Nov. 14 at Wallace Theater.

Dodson, 24, of Bamberg, is married to Sgt. Marquis Dodson of the 240th Quartermaster Company. She served four years in the Army and now works in Human Resources at the in- and out-processing center at Schweinfurt, Germany.

Runner-up honors went to Fatima McElveen, the 20-year-old daughter of 1st Sgt. Michael McElveen, who last week transferred from Fort Campbell, Ky., to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Fatima is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University majoring in broadcast journalism with a minor in Spanish.

Both performers applauded the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command for allowing military Family members to participate in the contest that started on 47 Army installations, camps and forward-deployed locations around the world. Dodson, a gospel singer from George Washington High School in

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Army Family member and veteran Joyce Dodson of Bamberg, Germany, sings Shania Twain's "You're Still The One" after winning the 2008 Operation Rising Star military singing contest Nov. 14 at Wallace Theater on Fort Belvoir, Va.



Decade-long tradition provides “mutual benefits”

By Douglas DeMaio,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Looking for something to do this Christmas? The Christmas Good Cheer program gives Bamberg Soldiers an experience of a lifetime. The program, sponsored by the German-American Men's Club and US Army Garrison Bamberg, pairs Soldiers together with local German families for one or two days during the holiday season. From Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, Soldiers can get to experience a traditional German Christmas.

“The community should know that most of the participants in this program had a great time and have thoroughly enjoyed it; this applies equally to their hosts,” said Helmut Funke, German-American Men's Club president. “Friendships have been established and ...participants have contributed to a bet-

ter understanding between our two nations.” The program, which is more than a decade-long tradition, is a great opportunity to learn local customs and experience German hospitality during the holiday season.



Soldiers do not need to speak German to participate as many of the host families can speak English or have visited the United States. Soldiers can go alone or share the experience with a friend.

“Soldiers, especially young ones, serving abroad will often, for the first time, spend Christmas away from their families,” Funke said.

The program doesn't make up for the absence of family, but it does provide a great opportunity to make new friends and experience a festive environment, he said.

“I think it's a great idea for new soldiers to experience the traditional German Christmas,” said Pfc. Raymond Ruprecht, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment,

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IMCOM-Europe command sergeant major arrives

IMCOM-Europe Public Affairs

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Installation Management Command-Europe's new command sergeant major assumed the responsibilities of her office here Thursday.

Command Sgt. Maj. Tracey Anbiya accepted the symbolic passing of the noncommissioned officer sword from Diane Devens, director of IMCOM-Europe, as part of a ceremony held on Campbell Barracks.

The 24-year veteran, who last served as the installation command sergeant major at Fort Belvoir, Va., told attendees that she was excited in joining "the IMCOM-Europe team in confronting challenges and championing issues" to better the lives of Soldiers and families.

Having previously served in Heidelberg, Anbiya said she "fully understands the importance of providing our people quality and quality facilities ... and with the 'home away from home' they deserve."

Devens, a former director of IMCOM-East, recalled working with Anbiya while at Fort Belvoir, saying: "She is as proficient in the garrison business as any command sergeant major we have in the Army. I also know her to be a strong supporter of mission commanders and an advocate for Soldiers and families."

Devens added that she believes Anbiya is the right senior noncommissioned officer "to coach, teach and mentor garrison NCOs... She will be a great partner to the region and to U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army as we shape the future and tackle tomorrow's challenges."

"I have absolute faith in her abilities," Devens said, "in helping our team make steady progress in achieving both USAREUR and 7th



Photo by Ray Johnson

Diane Devens, director of Installation Management Command-Europe, returns the noncommissioned officer sword to U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Wuerttemberg Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Lomax after it was presented to IMCOM-Europe Command Sgt. Maj. Tracey Anbiya during her assumption of responsibility ceremony Nov. 13 in Heidelberg, Germany.

Army and IMCOM goals."

Anbiya, who holds a master's degree from Oklahoma University, is only the third Soldier to serve as the commander sergeant major of IMCOM-Europe, with her predecessor being IMCOM Command Sgt. Major John Gaines.

Good Cheer

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USAG Bamberg. "Since I'm not going home for the holidays, I think it's great to be able to have Christmas with another family who is willing to share their holiday with me. It beats sitting in the barracks."

"Leaders should encourage their Soldiers to take part in this program," said Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Lee, USAG Bamberg sergeant major. "It continues to strengthen the bonds between the military and German community, and provides mutual benefits during the holiday season for those involved."

Once Soldiers have registered, there will be a contact meeting

set up with the host family to get to know each other and to agree upon when and where to meet, Funke said.

"Soldiers should realize that once they have registered they must come to the contact meeting and they must stick to arrangement agreed with their host," Funke said. "Nothing is more embarrassing than if Soldiers don't show up. After all, (they're representing) their country."

"It beats sitting in the barracks."

- Pfc. Raymond Ruprecht,
HHD, USAG Bamberg

To sign up for the Christmas Good Cheer program, Soldiers can get an application from their unit sergeant major or from the US Army Garrison Bamberg Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 7089. Soldiers should sign up by Dec. 6. For more information, call DSN: 469-1600 or CIV:0951-300-1600.

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Rising Star

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Danville, Va., got excited as soon as she realized that she could enter.

"I saw the flier and said, oh, my goodness, I would love to do it," she said. "I know every year they have it, but this year they said Family members could participate, and I was like, 'Great, that's me!'"

Next thing Dodson knew, she was wowing crowds at Rohr's Diner in Schweinfurt. Shortly thereafter, she was at Fort Belvoir's Wallace Theater singing Jennifer Hudson's *"And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going"* and Shania Twain's *"You're Still the One."*

"It worked out perfectly," Dodson explained of opening with a powerful song that's very busy, loud and energetic. "The judges said I had a wonderful voice but they wanted me to calm it down, so it worked out perfectly because *"You're Still the One"* is a calm, love song and it was country – so a gospel girl singing a country love song showed my versatility."

McElveen never dreamed being a Soldier's daughter could open such doors.

"Never," she said. "But, I thought maybe I'm not deserving, because I'm just a daughter – I don't serve."

"But when I think about it, yeah, we do. My dad wasn't there all the time. It was like being raised in a single-parent home."

Dodson seconded that sentiment.

"I've been on both sides," she said. "I got out of the military in 2006, so I'm able to understand both sides. Family members go through a lot. They have to be strong, too. You have to be strong when your Soldier has to go. You've got to be understanding and know that this is what they're doing to support their Family."

"Family members have to be just as strong as their Soldier because when that Soldier has to go . . . you've got to stand up and hold it all together."

The vocalists' communities supported them much like they would deploying troops.

"I heard that my MWR passed out buttons with my picture on it that said Vote for Fatima on OpRisingStar.com," McElveen said. "They also had a big banner and a vote day luncheon."

"I didn't expect any of this, so this has been an amazing journey for me. I was so nervous backstage that I just wanted to burst. I'm glad it's all over. I'm sad it's all over. All this emotion – you can only take so much in three days."

In the semifinals, McElveen sang Martina McBride's *"Anyway."* She followed with Etta James' *"At Last"* for her finale.

"I'm proud of myself that I got up there and I did that because if you could've seen me backstage – everybody was trying to calm me down and telling me to drink some water. I cough when I get nervous and I'd just cough and cough and cough until I made myself sick."

When she took the stage, however, McElveen looked like a polished performer.

"I'm really blessed, and I'm happy that I can share my music with members of the greatest military force in the world," she said. "I hope I made Fort Campbell very proud. I really do."

"America's Got Talent" producer Nigel Caaro, one of three judges for Operation Rising Star, was touched by the sincerity of the Army MWR program.

"I was so impressed that within an organization that exists for very

different reasons, there is an outlet for every kind of talent," Caaro said. "Whatever you're enlisted as, if you have a desire or a dream, you can fulfill it. I think it's great the Army allows that to happen – they give the time and the space to find out what talent they have and provide an outlet for it."

"It was amazing that one of the contestants actually said they forgot it was a competition until people started to be eliminated."

The last one eliminated hopes to build upon the experience.

"I want it to lead somewhere," McElveen said. "When I get on stage and sing, I don't think about it like I want to be famous, this is me, watch this. I just sing. But when people come up to me and hand me (business) cards and stuff, I'm like, 'I can do it. I want to do it.'"

"I want to perform for more people and in different places. I want to see the world. I'd love to sing with a live band every night."

Dodson's first-place prize will move her one step closer to her dream of recording an inspirational gospel CD. She won an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Los Angeles to record a three-song demo CD at DMI Music Studios. She wishes she could take all of the Operation Rising Star finalists to California.

"Every semifinalist and every finalist are gifted men and women," Dodson said. "All of them were so great. This prize could have easily gone to any of them. I'm honored to win, but just to be able to sing with those guys and to meet everyone here was an honor, as well."

McElveen won \$1,000 as runner-up. Army Spc. Cyril Powell of Fort Bragg, N.C., earned \$500 for third place.

Army Staff Sgt. Victor Trinidad of Fort Lewis, Wash.; Air Force Staff Sgt. Dirik Cole of Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras; and Army Pfc. Star Exum of Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, rounded out the six finalists.

Contestants at the installation level won \$500 for first place, \$250 for second, and \$100 for third.



Holiday schedule

2008/2009

Bamberg Commissary

Date	Weekday	Status	Time
Nov. 24	Monday	Open	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Nov. 27	Thursday	Closed	THANKSGIVING
Dec. 22	Monday	Open	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 24	Wednesday	Open	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Dec. 25	Thursday	Closed	CHRISTMAS
Dec. 29	Monday	Open	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 31	Wednesday	Open	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Jan. 1, 2009	Thursday	Closed	NEW YEAR



Enjoy a safe and happy holiday
season



Community Announcements

Martial Arts Workshop

There will be a free Muay Thai K-1 workshop at 6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Serdar Karaca, a German professional Thai Boxer, and coach Bernard Caplin will teach punching and kicking techniques, talk about K-1 fighting and give away some ring tactics in the 90-minute workshop. Participants must be 18 or older. Space is limited, so sign up quickly. For more information, call DSN 469-8890 or CIV (0951) 300-8890.

Native American Heritage Celebration

A Native American Heritage Celebration will be held at the Post Theater on Thur. Dec. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Larry Nichols a member of the Muskogee/Creek Tribes will discuss the Native American culture. The key speaker is Kimberley Monteleone will represent the Cherokee Tribe. The program will feature a Native American display table, music and a traditional stomp dance will be performed, and a food tasting will follow. Everyone is invited to join this exciting event.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony kicks off with the USAREUR Band's brass ensemble at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the traffic lights/Memorial Park. After the tree lighting at 5 p.m., Santa Claus arrives to greet visitors and will lead the group to the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Reeltime Movie Theater, where children can visit with Santa. Professional photographers will be available from the Community Activity Portrait Studio for a small fee. Children and parents can enjoy holiday music with snacks provided. For more information, call Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Special Events at CIV:(0951) 300 9010.

Pre-tax Program

If you are currently participating in the Flexible Spending Account, you must re-enroll for 2009. Enrollment information is available at <https://www.fsafeds.com>. You must enroll by Dec 8.

Med Blog

The TRICARE "Passport to Care" and other online resources are the focus of the Nov. 21 blog entry by Brig. Gen. Keith W. Gallagher, the U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army Command Surgeon. His blog is available at the Europe Regional Medical Command Web site <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil>. Questions on medical policy can also be submitted to him there. You can submit a healthcare question at any time by clicking the "Ask the Doc" link from the ERM home page.

Thanksgiving Day Football Game

The 54th Engineering Battalion will compete against the 16th Special Troops Battalion in a Thanksgiving Day Ultimate Football Game Nov 27 at 10 a.m., at the Freedom Fitness Facility grass football field. Come support your favorite team.

DOL/TAP Workshop

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering 2.5-day Department of Logistics job assistance workshops for separating and retiring Soldiers from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (final day ends at 12:30 p.m.) at Preston Hall Dec. 9

through 11. All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. For more information, call Bamberg ACAP Office at DSN:469-8925.

BSCC December Luncheon

The BSCC will have a luncheon Dec. 1 at the Luitpold's Cafe. Lunch will cost 15€ per person for a buffet. After lunch, there will be an optional trip to the Christmas Market. Please RSVP to reservations@bsccgermany.com by Nov. 26.

Closures / Changes

Commissary Early Bird Shopping

Beginning Dec. 2, the Bamberg Commissary will be open from 8 - 11 a.m. Tuesday - Friday. The commissary will also be open Dec. 22 and 29 during these hours. There are limited services during this time and only the Self Checkout lanes will be open. Full shopping carts can not be checked out until normal operating hours (no cashiers). The commissary will also be open during regular hours for full service shopping.

APO extended holiday hours/closures

The Army Post Office holiday season finance service lobby hours are extended for your convenience. The extended hours are effective Nov. 22 through Dec. 20. The hours are:
Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed - Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

CMR extended holiday hours

The Community Mail Room holiday season lobby window hours (including Saturdays) are:
Nov. 15 through Jan. 3
Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vehicle Registration Office closure

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

ACAP office relocation

The Army Career and Alumni Program Office has moved from Preston Hall to the Military Personnel building (Bldg 7290), Room 204. If you have less than a year left until your ETS (2 years if retiring), please call 469-8925 to make an appointment for a mandatory ACAP Pre-separation Briefing. While this is your first step in the transition process, it does not in anyway hamper your ability to reenlist should you decide to do so. Do yourself a favor and find out today what ACAP has to offer.

Bamberg Health Clinic holiday closure

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed on the following days (please plan accordingly):
Nov. 26 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 27, 28, Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 from 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Tax Assistance Center open

The Bamberg Tax Assistance Center hours are Mon. through Fri., 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m., until Dec.19 when it closes for annual training. It is located on the 4th floor of Bldg. 7000 (The Law Center Building). To make an appointment, call DSN:469-8261 or CIV:0951-300-8261.

Weekly Reminders

Bamberg Thrift Shop

If you haven't been to the Thrift Shop lately, operating hours are:

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- First Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kids and Teens

Kids' BINGO Night

The Aqua Barons Swim Team is sponsoring a BINGO Night Wed., Dec. 3 at Bamberg Elementary School. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Concessions available. Win Great Prizes! Bingo cards are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Bring in box tops to enter into a special drawing for prizes. Open to kids of all ages.

Entertainment and Leisure

BINGO!

The 793rd Military Police Battalion will have Bingo on Nov. 21 at the Bamberg High School Multi-Purpose Room. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and games will start at 6:30 p.m.. Prizes will be Bavarian themed items and Christmas items. There will also be a raffle for a Hand-painted Bavarian Bench worth more than \$300. Raffle tickets for the bench will be sold outside of the Commissary on November 15th, and 16th, and at the event. Come out, have a great time and win some great prizes!

Turkey Shoot at Whispering Pines

Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Turkey Shoot golf tournament beginning at 9 a.m. on Nov. 22 and 29 and Dec. 13 and 20. This is a 9-hole event with a \$15 sign up fee. Win a Turkey, Duck or Cornish Game Hen. For more information, call the Pro Shop at DSN:469-8953.

Super Fight Night

Thanks to the Bamberg MWR, U.S. Soldiers and family members can take advantage of a special ticket price for the upcoming Muay Thai and K-1 Rules Super Fight Night on Dec. 13 in Bamberg's Jako Arena. More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the event. Get your tickets before this event sells out. For the special MWR ticket price, call the English ticket hotline at 0162-362-8309. Tickets are \$25 instead of € 23.50.

Continuing Education

University of Phoenix open

The University of Phoenix is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at the Warner Barracks Army Education Center, Bldg 7047, Room 309. Leah Gransbery, University of Phoenix field representative, can help you start your MBA or MAED program. Online and on-site courses are available and degrees can be achieved in 15-24 months. For more information call Leah Gransbery at DSN:469-9280, CIV:0951-3009280/2085350 or email leah.gransbery@us.army.mil.

UMUC fall classes

The University of Maryland University College fall classes start in late November. For more informa-

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tion, call Alfred Vazquez at the Army Education Center at DSN:314-469-7466 or CIV:0951-300-7466, or email avazquez@ed.umuc.edu.

Army Family Team Building Classes

Army Family Team Building has the following classes scheduled. Call DSN:469-7777 ahead of time for limited free childcare.
Dec. 2 to 4, Level II—AFTB

University of Oklahoma classes

Apply, enroll and start University of Oklahoma classes anytime. On-site and online classes are available, no GRE is required, and non-thesis programs are available. Advanced class preparation and a one-week class session are required. OU faculty flies to local Education Centers to provide high-level instruction. Your degree will be recognized both nationally and internationally. Complete your degree in 16 to 24 months. For more information, call Yadira Sanchez at DSN:467-3325 or CIV:09802-83-3325, or email apansbach@ou.edu. To find more information, visit www.GoOu.OU.edu.

Health and Fitness

Unit Level Invitational Basketball Tourney

A unit level invitational basketball tournament will be Dec. 6 and 7. The tournament is open to all men and women U.S. ID Card holders. Register your team no later than Dec 1. Games will start at 9 a.m. on Dec 6. Team trophies will be awarded for first- and second-place winners. The event is free. For more information, call Charles Williams at DSN:469-7597 or email Charles.Williams@eur.army.mil.

Federal Employee Health Benefits

Federal employees in Germany can enroll, change, or cancel their federal health benefits during federal benefits open season. The timeframe to change these benefits is now through Dec 8. For more information, visit <https://www.abc.army.mil>.

Dental and Vision Insurance Program

Information about the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) can be accessed at <https://www.benefeds.com>. Changes to coverage or cancellation of coverage can not be made through the Web site, but instruction on how to change or cancel coverage is available. The timeframe to change these benefits is now through Dec 8.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in November and December

Nov. 22 Auto Museums \$25

Want to get a good look at some fine German engineering? Join us for a quick trip to the Porsche and Mercedes museums in Stuttgart. Includes transportation and museum admission. Please bring money for lunch and anything you might like to buy. Don't forget your VAT forms. Departs ODR 8 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m.

Nov. 27-30 Alps Ski/snowboard trip \$275

Looking for something fun to do for Thanksgiving? Head to the Alps for skiing and snowboarding! We're taking you to Stubai Austria for some of the best terrain around. Includes transportation and 3 night lodging with breakfast and dinner (double occupancy). A lift pass is not included in the price. Discounted rentals and maintenance is available at Bamberg ODR. Need lessons? Sign up at ODR for only \$25 for a 1.5 hour group lesson, from beginner to advanced. Departs ODR 10 a.m. Nov. 27 and returns at 10 p.m. Nov. 30.

Nov. 28 Czech Shopping \$35

Hop on our motor coach for a trip to Karlovy-Vary to shop for Czech glass, crystal jewelry or just to see the beautiful sights of the city. All trip goers must have a valid passport. Includes transportation. Departs Chapel Lot at 7 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m.

December 2008 Trips

Dec. 6 Rothenburg Market \$25

Need to do some Christmas shopping? How about a trip to the famous Rothenburg "Reiterlesmarkt" Market. Browse the stalls of handcrafted goods and enjoy some hot mulled wine. Not interested in shopping, explore the medieval city and check out the Museum of Crime and Punishment. Includes transportation. Departs ODR at 8 a.m., returns approx. 6 p.m.

Dec. 13 Berlin Day Trip \$55

Spend the day exploring Germany's Capital! You will see the East Side Gallery and be dropped off at the Checkpoint Charlie Museum so you can

explore the city. Berlin has over 50 Christmas markets with local delicacies that are not to be missed. Includes transportation only. Departs Chapel Parking Lot at 4 a.m., returns approx. 11 p.m.

Dec. 20-21 Snowboard and Ski \$14

Get your Holidays off to a snowy start with a quick ski and snowboard trip. You'll get to ski and ride some of the best snow in the Austrian Alps. Includes transportation and 1 night lodging (double occupancy) with breakfast and dinner. Does not include lift pass. Departs ODR 2 a.m. Dec. 20, returns approx. 10 p.m. Dec. 21.

Equipment Rentals

Did you know Bamberg Outdoor Recreation has a full service ski and snowboard rental and repair shop for children and adults?

- Full Ski or Snowboard Package
 - \$19/day
 - \$35/weekend
 - \$75/week
- Pair of Skis or Snowboard with Bindings
 - \$15/day
 - \$25/weekend
 - \$50/week
- Ski or Snowboard Boots
 - \$8/day
 - \$15/weekend
 - \$30/week
- Ski Poles or Snowboard Bindings
 - \$5/day
 - \$10/weekend
 - \$20/week
- Pants/Jacket \$5
- Helmets are Free

Equipment Maintenance or repairs:

Snowboard Binding Mounting	\$ 5
Binding Testing/Adjustment	\$ 5
Base Repair	\$10
Edge Sharpening	\$12
Hot Wax	\$12
Full Tune w/ Base Structure	\$20
Deluxe Hand Tune	\$25

Extensive repairs priced specially.

Going on an Outdoor Recreation trip? Get a full rental package for \$20 or get 50 percent off maintenance.

You must register for these trips by the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, please come to Outdoor Recreation, bldg. 7047 or call DSN:469-8659/7450 or CIV: 0951-300-8659. All trips depart and arrive at Community Activity Center (CAC) unless otherwise noted. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded.



AAFESE
Army & Air Force Exchange Service

Bamberg Movie Schedule

Fri.	Nov. 21	Righteous Kills (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 22	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (Pg)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 23	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (Pg)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 24	Righteous Kills (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 27	The Women (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 28	My Best Friend's Girl (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 29	Quantum Of Solace (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Miracle At St. Anna (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 30	Quantum Of Solace (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Burn After Reading (R)	7 p.m.

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg for Nov. 21-30

Friday, Nov. 21

- 7 p.m. "Holiday on ice" – presenting "Elements – Fire and Water, Earth and Air" colorful ice skating show at JAKO-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15 (main entrance), Bamberg (tickets available www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 8 p.m. "Back2Harlem" concert and party at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Sonnie Ronny & The Shotguns" at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "cinnamon" live pop music at Club Kaulberg, Unterer Kaulberg 36, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "Napalma (Brazil)" Afro-Brazilian beats & electro-funk fusion at Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstraße 20, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "celebrating the first 9 years : morphclub!" anniversary party at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Saturday, Nov. 22

- 2 p.m. "toy bazaar" second hand toys sale at Mehrgenerationenhaus Mütterzentrum Känguruh, Nürnberger Straße 108 k, Bamberg
- 2 p.m. "nativity scenes from around the world" over 300 different nativity scenes on display at Museum Alte Schule, Kirchplatz 4, 96114 Hirschaid
- 4:30 p.m. "Holiday on ice" – presenting "Elements – Fire and Water, Earth and Air" colorful ice skating show at JAKO-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15 (main entrance), Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 5 p.m. "Hänsel and Gretel" fairy tale (in German) at Marionette Theater, Untere Sandstraße 30, Bamberg
- 7 p.m. "Don Bosco fall fest" German folk brass band at Bürgersaal Stegaurach, Elsterweg, 96135 Stegaurach
- 7:30 p.m. "Fall concert" of the choir Liedertafel Burgwindheim at Schulturnhalle (school gym), Kirchenplatz, 96154 Burgwindheim
- 8 p.m. "14th Bamberg guitar days: Tango" live guitar duo at Neues Palais, Luitpoldstraße 40 a, 96052 Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Duo d'Accord (Lucia Huang & Sebastian Euler, Klavier) & Ear drum percussion duo" at Konzert- und Kongresshalle - Joseph-Keilberth-Saal, Mußstraße 1, Bamberg (tickets at www.bvd-ticket.de)
- 8 p.m. "Holiday on ice" – presenting "Elements – Fire and Water, Earth and Air" colorful ice skating show at JAKO-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15 (main entrance), Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 8 p.m. "Serious Business" live classic-soul, rock and rhythm & blues at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, 96049 Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Two in Tune" acoustic sound at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Looks bad – feels good" live jazz music at Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstr. 18, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Mr. Fingers and the Shifters" live rock music at Club Kaulberg, Unterer Kaulberg 36, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Orange from Venus" live rock concert with psychedelic light show at Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstraße 20, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "Greenclub" rap . funk . deutsch-rap at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Sunday, Nov. 23

- 9:30 a.m. "Memmelsdorf castle run" at Seehofhalle Memmelsdorf, Pödel dorfer Str. 20a, 96117 Memmelsdorf
- 9:30 a.m. "toy trains – exhibition" at Stadthalle, An der Reichen Ebrach 1, 96132 Schlüsselfeld
- 10 a.m. 1st Christmas market "Weihnacht & Ambiente" at Böhmerwiese, Heiliggrabstraße 57, Bamberg
- 11 p.m. "Advent bazaar" at Johannes-Schule, Am Brand 2, 96110 Scheßlitz
- 2 p.m. "Nativity scenes from around the world" over 300 different nativity scenes on display at Museum Alte Schule, Kirchplatz 4, 96114 Hirschaid
- 3 p.m. "Holiday on ice" – presenting "Elements – Fire and Water, Earth and Air" colorful ice skating show at JAKO-Arena, Forchheimer

Str. 15 (main entrance), Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)

- 8 p.m. "Jaimi Faulkner" live blues, country and folk music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg

Monday, Nov. 24

- 2 p.m. 1st Christmas market "Weihnacht & Ambiente" at Böhmerwiese, Heiliggrabstraße 57, Bamberg
- 7 p.m. Piano-Live at Hofbräu Restaurant & Bar, Karolinenstr. 7, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "SCHWOF" the cult disco party, all drinks are half price at Live-Club, Obere Sandstr. 7, Bamberg

Friday, Nov. 28

- 2 p.m. 1st Christmas market "Weihnacht & Ambiente" at Böhmerwiese, Heiliggrabstraße 57, Bamberg
- 3:30 p.m. "Christmas market" at Rathausplatz Strullendorf, Forchheimer Str. 32, 96129 Strullendorf
- 4 p.m. "Advent market" at Sandgebiet (Sand area) downtown Bamberg
- 6 p.m. "Christmas concert" at Sandgebiet (Sand area), Obere Sandstraße, Bamberg
- 7 p.m. "Advent concert" at St. Gangolf, Gangolfsplatz, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Delta Strings" at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Konrad Kuechenmeister" live music at Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstraße 20, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Doors night" break on through to the other side! at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "dröönland" alternative rock at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Saturday, Nov. 29

- 10 a.m. 1st Christmas market "Weihnacht & Ambiente" at Böhmerwiese, Heiliggrabstraße 57, Bamberg
- 12 p.m. "Advent organ concert" at St. Martin und Weihnachtsmarkt, Grüner Markt - Maxplatz, Bamberg
- 12 p.m. "Advent market" at Sandgebiet (Sand area) downtown Bamberg
- 2 p.m. "Christmas market" at Rathaus- und Kirchenvorplatz (town church), Am Knock, 96123 Litzendorf
- 2 p.m. 1st Christmas market "Weihnacht & Ambiente" at Böhmerwiese, Heiliggrabstraße 57, Bamberg
- 2 p.m. "nativity scenes from around the world" over 300 different nativity scenes on display at Museum Alte Schule, Kirchplatz 4, 96114 Hirschaid
- 2:30 p.m. Bamberg's Basketball team "Brose Baskets" will play "ALBA Berlin" at Jako-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15, Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 3 p.m. "Advent market" at Rathausplatz, Kirchplatz 6, 96114 Hirschaid
- 3 p.m. "Christmas market" at Rathausplatz Strullendorf, Forchheimer Str. 32, 96129 Strullendorf
- 7 p.m. "Glühweinparty" Glühwein party at the beer garden of Pils-Pubs Knopfloch, Hauptstraße 41, 96199 Zapfendorf
- 8 p.m. "8th Bamberg Blues Night" live blues at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Blue Funk" Blues-Rock a la Clapton at Club Kaulberg, Unterer Kaulberg 36, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "beat virus live! with till schwenninger" techhouse, techno at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Sunday, Nov. 30

- 10 a.m. "Christmas market" at Rathausplatz, Hauptstraße, 96110 Scheßlitz
- 11:30 a.m. "Advent concert" at St. Martin und Weihnachtsmarkt, Grüner Markt - Maxplatz, Bamberg
- 12 p.m. "Advent market" at Sandgebiet (Sand area) downtown Bamberg
- 1:30 p.m. "Christmas market" at Rathaus- und Kirchenvorplatz (town church), Am Knock, 96123 Litzendorf
- 2 p.m. 1st Christmas market "Weihnacht & Ambiente" at Böhmerwiese, Heiliggrabstraße 57, Bamberg
- 2 p.m. "Opening ceremony for the Bamberg Advents Calendar" a Fuchs-Backhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 5 p.m. "Advent concert" at Auferstehungskirche, Pestalozzistr. 27 (in front of the church), Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Shannon Lyon" live music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg

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16th Sustainment Brigade takes on Iraqi water issues

Story and photo by Keith M. Anderson
16th SB Public Affairs

AL-QAYARRAH, Iraq – The 16th Sustainment Brigade took a major step in its effort to get water to the drought-prone Ninawa Province in northern Iraq Nov. 5.

Soldiers and contractors from contingency operating base Q-West began installation of a second high-capacity, multi-stage centrifugal water-pump at the Al-Qayyarah pump house near the Tigris River. The pump house, which provides water to many communities in the province as well as Q-West, has been shut down since September.

The ongoing effort, spearheaded by the brigade, will replace failing water pumps and lines, repair a concrete raw-water storage area and build additional water reservoirs, and coordinate Iraqi and U.S. involvement in day-to-day operations and security to provide water to regional Iraqi communities and to Q-West, said Lt. Col. Eric Fleming, deputy commander for the brigade.

"It's not only important for the brigade, but also for the base, for its life support and mission support in northern Iraq, and it has the added benefit of supporting the local community with water, so it's a good outreach and relationship-building project," Fleming said.

The infrastructure projects to get water to the region are expected to cost close to \$1 million when complete, Fleming said.

Q-West, formerly an Iraqi air force base under Saddam Hussein, shares water from the pump house with the town of Al-Qayyarah and smaller villages that haven't been immune to the region's water woes.

"Water has been an ongoing issue for us here at Q-West for many years," said Lt. Col. Keith Dinn, commander of 76th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, and outgoing Contingency Operating Base mayor. "We are aggressively pursuing every viable option available, with varying degrees of success."

The Bamberg, Germany-based sustainment brigade is coordinating projects with an Air Force facilities engineering team, the Army Corps of Engineers, Iraqi Army, police and provincial leadership, U.S. contractors, Defense Contract Management Agency, and others through a "water working group."

The pump house needed major repairs.

Soldiers and contractors have repaired and reinstalled the four lift pumps that take water



Contractors winch a new motor for a high-capacity, multi-stage centrifugal water pump into place at the Al-Qayyarah pump house near the Tigris River Nov. 5, as part of a massive, joint project overseen by the 16th Sustainment Brigade. The project will build water infrastructure in the drought-prone Ninawa region in northern Iraq.

from the river into a cistern, though they plan to replace them soon. They have had to make "from scratch" specialized equipment to remove silt and other materials from the 70-foot-deep cistern.

They had to remove water from the flooded pump house, patch the leaks, and wench out the heavy, defective pumps and motors. Inside the pump house there were eight pumps that fed two separate water lines, most worn-out and un-repairable.

Four of the pumps, feed a 12-inch water line that provides water primarily to the nearby city of Al-Qayyarah through a water treatment plant, were replaced by an Air Force facilities engineering team. Another four pumps at the treatment plant will be replaced to ensure Al-Qayyarah receives treated water.

The remaining four pumps at the pump house fed a 16-inch line that runs 25 kilometers to COB Q-West, though several villages and communities have tapped into the untreated-water line.

Base water planners have had water shipped in from nearby Army installations

and local national businesses to fill the gap since the pump house was shut down. After the two new pumps have been installed, taps will be turned on at the pump house again.

"With these two pumps, and two more that are on order, we can start providing enough water to meet the needs of the citizens of Al-Qayyarah and other villages that use water from the line, as well as Q-West," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Roach, water operations non-commissioned officer in charge, 76th Brigade Special Troops Battalion and Q-West Mayor's Cell.

One contractor was grateful for the new pumps and parts.

"They'll make a difference," said David Baker, a 46-year-old master plumber "We have all-new stuff to work with. I was making bearing shims out of aluminum cans and hacksaw-blade pieces just to keep the bearings from flying off the motor shaft."

The improvements to the pump house are only part of the solution, said Maj. Roger Jackson, engineering projects officer, 16th Sustainment Brigade.

Besides the 16 pumps being replaced, at a cost of more than \$600,000, the brigade plans to line "Lake Wisconsin," a 30-million-gallon water reservoir at Q-West, to prevent seepage-loss, and to deepen existing reservoirs and dig an additional one to store more water.

"By the time all these lakes are finished, we'll have five lakes with a capability of 100 million gallons of water storage," Jackson said.

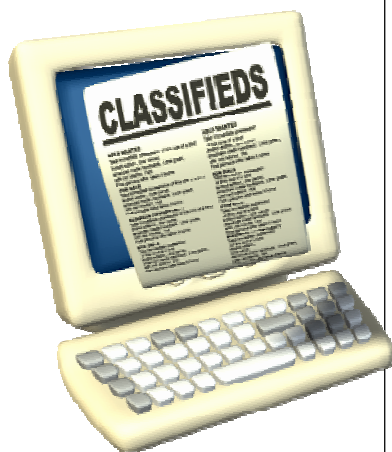
Jackson was optimistic about the progress the brigade is making since it started the water working group in August.

"I don't have a crystal ball, but if everything is working properly, by the end of December, we should see a major increase in the amount of water we're receiving," he said.

Jackson said he couldn't understate the importance of getting water to the base and region.

"For a base to remain open there has to be a consistent water source," he said. "If Q-West is going to increase its water supply, it has to be solved. Water is important for the morale, health and well-being of Soldiers. And water and electricity infrastructure projects improve the overall well-being of people in Iraq, and contribute to a more stable country."

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Maya wrap. Purple shades. Has not been used. Comes with instructional DVD. Paid \$50. Asking \$30. Please email casmarid@yaoo.com.

German bed, 160cm x 200cm, in great condition with 2 fairly new latex mattresses and large storage areas inside bed frame. Asking price is \$600. Must sell! Pick up only! Bamberg area. Can email pics. 0175-7914858.

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